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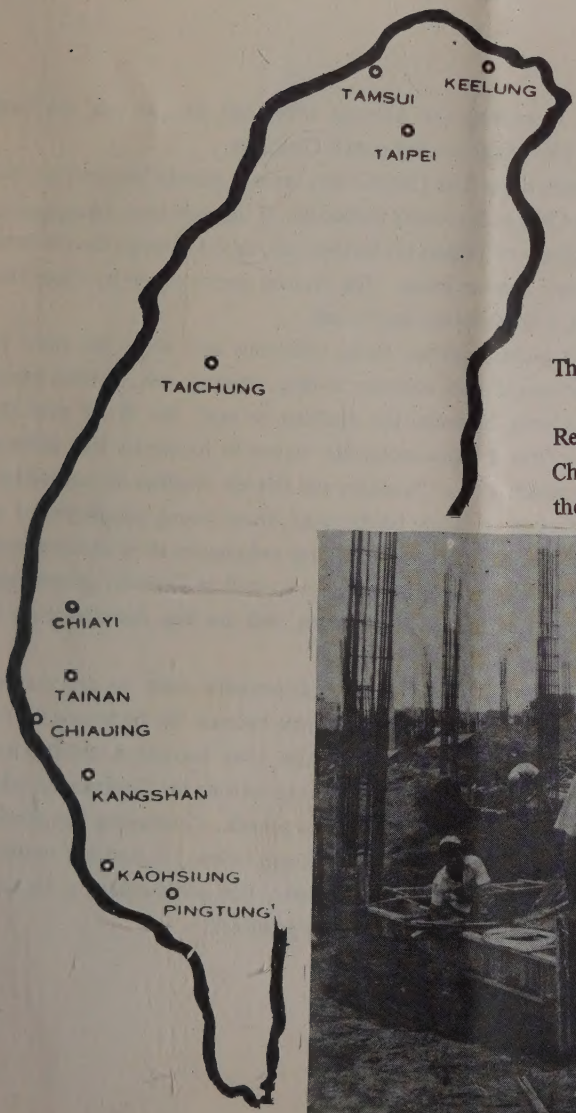

The Grace Church, Tainan under construction. Rev. Michael Liu & Bishop Cheung stand in front of the site.

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(Editor for this issue: Mr. E. S. chen)

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE – "For a harmonious life, serve in life" –
"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to live together in unity." Psalms 133:1
"The Son of man came not to be served but to serve." Matthew 20:28

Dear Friends in His name:

May my letter bring you not only our *Friendship* for Autumn 1980, but also, as ever, our best wishes from everyone of Taiwan Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican-Episcopal) Churches.

The Society for the Propagation of Harmonious Life (SPHL) was created jointly last year by the Rev. Samuel T. T. Chen and the Rev. David Chee at St. John's Cathedral. It has now been transplanted to the Church of the Good Shepherd (in a suburb of Taipei) for further cultivation through the renewed efforts of the Rev. John Chien and the Rev. Franco Kwan. The fruitful performance by these two priests demonstrates that the growth of SPHL is accelerating day by day.

Briefly, the target of the Society is to gather together those collegians who share the spirit of philanthropy and sacrificial service, that they might work together to help, support, visit, or train needy people. These people may be children, students, laborers, the disabled or aged, the ill, or even the imprisoned, and the goal is to help them to live a harmonious life woven in happiness and welfare. At this time, 88 collegians have joined us, of which 22 are Christians and five are Anglican-Episcopalians. Regardless of their religious belief, denomination, or family background, these young people joined us from cities both near and far to spare two to three hours during weekday evenings to serve needy people in Taiwan. Additional hours are volunteered on Sundays and holidays as well as Saturday afternoons. These young people pay their own transportation and food expenses, and are also donating dues of N.T.$200 (U.S. $6.00) per year, willingly, to help in this work.

Youth is generally valued everywhere in the world as an indispensable asset to any nation, community, or church. With the proper direction, these young people become the backbone of any society; without this help in developing their own good characteristics, they become a community's burden. In many countries, we can see young people loitering about and waiting for Government relief to pay their way, and this results in inflation and the lack of economic growth. Contrasting this picture is the unemployment rate in Taiwan, the Republic of China, which keeps below 1%, and our national product which grows steadily around 10% annually. Should I consider this achievement a miracle? or would we rather say that our industrious, self-reliant youth makes it possible?!

One year has elapsed since the beginning of the SPHL. My idea is that there is a need to expand and strengthen its operation by assigning a full-time secretary. For this reason, I write a plea to all interested readers to lend us your hand by helping with your contribution. The budget for the coming 18 months amounts to N.T. $200,000 (U.S. $6,000) At the moment, we have raised half of this amount. I do not think it is a difficult problem, particularly if every clergyman working in this Missionary District contributes, say, N.T. $300; each church N.T. $1,000; each preschool (we have now seven kindergartens run by our various churches in Taiwan) N.T. $3,000, and all others who share our concern in this social work to make a donation as well.

May the holy Spirit inspire you to join us by supporting our SPHL young people with sympathy and love, and to share as well in this meaningful effort. God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

+ P.Y. Cheung

P.Y. Cheung,
Bishop of Taiwan

WELCOME HOME! ! !

Bishop and Mrs, James T. M. Pong – Bishop (retired) of Taiwan and Mrs. Pong came to Taipei at the request of the Chinese Government to be decorated on July 3, 1980, for Bishop Pong's services rendered to our country and our people. On the evening before, priests and members of our various churches in Northern Taiwan accepted an invitation by Bishop Cheung to feast at the Ruby King Cantonese Restaurant. People from several churches in middle and southern Taiwan arrived later, thus doubling the estimated seats for the occasion! Unanticipated and distinguished friends at the party included Mr and Mrs. Paul Miller, ex-U.S. Consul in Taipei. Bishop Pong's story was given over local TV stations and newspapers, a tea reception was given in his honor following the ceremony by the Minister of the Interior, and all Church members shared in the spirit of the occasion.

The Rev. Canon Edmund Der and the Rev. Lawrence Cheung – Twenty years ago, they were both Overseas Chinese college boys from Hong Kong, studying in Taiwan! Since then, both have been ordained and worked diligently in his service. They are not strangers to us; Edmund was formerly the vice-Principal of St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology and a priest at the Church of Good Shepherd in Shihlin. Both families came to Taiwan from Hong Kong on vacation and stayed around ten days in August! The Ders with their four sons, and the Cheungs with their two daughters, Cheryl and Jeanette. Decades-old friends as well as new friends gathered at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, August 17, to hear The Rev. Edmund Der, of Holy Trinity Church in Kowloon, preach, and at St. John's Cathedral to hear the Rev. Lawrence Cheung of Holy Nativity Church, Hong Kong, preach.

CHURCH NEWS

The Bishop – In the latter half of last May, Bishop Cheung Toured Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand. He solicited U.S. $20,000 as a contribution toward subsidizing the building of Centenary Hall at St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology, Tamsui. While visiting St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, he exchanged views with Archdeacon Gordon Brown regarding the possibility of interchanging theological students between Australia and Taiwan. He also visited two Overseas Chinese Churches there – one Mandarin congregation and one Cantonese – and St. Mary's Church, the Ormond College in Melbourne, and Chinese congregations in Wellington.

St. John's Cathedral, Taipei – Because Taiwan is in a subtropical climate, many churches have long since air conditioned areas for worship. Since many foreign visitors, including diplomats fully dressed, wish to include our English morning service in their schedule, the Church Council met July 20 with Bishop Cheung present; it was unanimously voted that arrangements should be made forthwith to install such facilities. Mrs. Cheung gave N.T. $10,000 as the first offering for the project when she heard the news from Dean Samuel Chen.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Taipei – 223 children graduated from the Good Shepherd preschool on June 28.

Epiphany Chapel in the Bishop's House, Taipei – In addition to a morning Holy Communion held at 9:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by the Bishop and other priests in turn, a Cantonese evening service was begun on June 15 by Bishop Cheung, assisted by the Rev. Franco C.H. Kwan. It will be held every first and third Sundays, and every second and fourth Sundays, Holy Communion will be celebrated. These services begin at 3:00 p.m.

(Other churches are reported North-South as shown on the cover map.)

Holy Trinity Church, Keelung – The Rev. Stephen Hu returned from an inspection and fund-raising trip in West Malaysia. With the contributions made available, he is now trying to promote several phases of social work through the Church. A Japanese language class has been started with more than 30 students registered to study, and an English class is taught by Miss Susan Soo, a graduate of the local Christ College. The next plan is a day nursery for those couples working outside the home who lack relatives to look after their children.

St. John's & St. Mary's Institute of Technology, Tamsui – 402 students were graduated in a ceremony on June 20 at the Church; the principal, the Rev. William Y. J. Hia officiated. Bishop Cheung, Board Chairman, students' parents, and other honorable guests were present to witness the occasion.

St. Luke's Church, Hualien – Hualien is located Southeast of Taipei along the Pacific Ocean. The Universal Hymn which has been adopted worldwide in Chinese services is now taped by a couple from St. Luke's, Mr. and Mrs. Feng Ting-chien, during their leisure time. For a copy of the tape at cost, one may contact them.

St. Peter's Church, Chiayi – The planning to expand the Kindergarten by six new classrooms is under way; work will start next summer. The estimated cost is about N.T. $4,000,000 (U.S. $110,000.)

Grace Church, Tainan – With a subsidy of N.T. $1,250,000 (U.S. $35,000) from the UTO funds, a piece of land (600 pings; one ping measures about 6'x6' in size) has been bought for the reconstruction of the Church, kindergarten, and vicarage. The total cost is about N.T. $8,000,000 and is expected to be completed by Christmas 1980. They are praying to make up the deficit of N.T. $800,000 (U.S. $22,200) which they still need.

St. Andrew's Church, Chiading – In this remote fishing village with a growing population of 50,000, over 3,000 of whom are aged 3-5 and eligible for pre-school education, the present facilities at St. Andrew's which can house 80-100 are out of date. With total of 100 students accepted, Bishop Cheung discussed the problem with the priests of South Taiwan and reached the decision to build five additional classrooms with space for teaching, sanitary, and nap purposes. The total expenditure will be around N.T. 3,600,000 (U.S. $100,000). The new building is expected to be completed by mid-October of this year.

All Saints Church, Kangshan – the Senior Citizens' Club sponsored by All Saints schedules a monthly local tour of two to three days. Once a group of 78 travelled in two busses to the center of Taiwan where they visited the Puli Publich Junior Middle School, Wusheh, and tried to test the temperatures of the Lushan Hot Springs by boiling eggs! Taipei and other Northern scenic spots, including Wulai Hot Springs and aboriginal community, and the open zoo, are scheduled for another tour. It is educational and if any of our friends from overseas wish to join the group, they are warmly welcomed and need only to inquire well in advance.

St. Paul's Clinic, Kaohsiung – The Church has renewed a 3-year contract with the Government's Laborers Insurance Bureau. Beneficiaries can thus be continually admitted by its Clinic and the expense paid by the Government.

St. Mark's Church, Pingtung – Our Southernmost church has quite an event to report in this issue! – (1) the Chairman of the Bishop's Committee of the Church happily announced the arrival of his first grandson! (2) Nine of its collegiate members participated in our summer conference held July 6-9 in Chiayi; 22 children and youths joined the youth conference July 13-16 in Tamsui, travelling from the southern tip to the northern tip! (3) Children living nearby have greatly benefited by the English class taught by Gary, son of Dr. I. K. Fu, working in the Pingtung Christian Hospital. (4) Many of the church's young people have just experienced the hardest Nationwide college entrance examinations. They were congratulated, if successful, and comforted by the reading of I Corinthians 10:13 for those who failed to pass this year. (5) The Rev. Charles Chen who accompanied Bishop Cheung and the Rev. John Chien in attending the Charismatic Renewal Seminar and a Summer Camp in Singapore in April, told us on his return that much had been learned in this experience, much of which he considered new even after his 18 years of Christian life! Most of the participants were in their twenties or thirties and he refreshed acquaintances with several clergy who had previously visited Taiwan.

The Rev. Onell A. Soto, in charge of evangelism and education in the Episcopal Church Center, New York, visited different Church works in Hong Kong June 5-8; Bishop Cheung accompanied him on these visits and they came to Taipei at the end of this time. Fr. Soto then called on all our churches in the North and addressed the students in a morning gathering at St. John's and St. Mary's. He also

visited various churches in the south of Taiwan and participated in the graduation ceremonies at Tainan Theological Seminary. Forty-five graduates were awarded a diploma, including Mr. K. L. Liao who will be ordained deacon on September 21.

The Rev. Dr. Vicente Oscar Vetzana, Diocesan Secretary in Argentina, paid a three day visit to Taiwan early in June and was received by Bishop Cheung.

Miss Ling Shiu-hsiang, a young artist from Singapore and a member of St. Andrew's Church there, attended our services at St. John's Cathedral on June 1. She came to Taiwan to exhibit her twenty-seven batik masterpieces.

How are you?? – Through the years, one makes more and more friends. Yet we especially treasure old friendship. Once in awhile, when asked about old Church friends, where and how they are, it is difficult to respond satisfactorily. Our thoughts often go to you! Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. James C. L. Wang, the Rev. and Mrs. Mark Ma, the Rev. and Mrs, Peyton Craighill, Mrs. Theodore Yeh, the Rev. and Mrs. John Ling, the Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Aldis, Altar Mother Mrs. Lily Chen, Choir Mother Mrs. T. J. Young and her family, and many, many others . . . May God bless you and your loved ones!!

Bishop James Pong receiving Citation from the Government.

Rev. Onell Soto from 815 visiting us in Mid-June.

FRIENDS OF TAIWAN SKH (FTSKH)

Effective from 1 September 1980, friends of Taiwan Sheng Kung Hui (Taiwan Episcopal Church) are invited to get together for the purpose of evangelism, promoting God's Holy work, developing the relationships and friendships between various Christian groups overseas with members of the Sheng Kung Hui, all in order to grow in understanding of one another and to offer mutual assistance. Service to be rendered by us for you will include such things as scheduling holiday tours in Taiwan, performing entry/exit visa formalities, hotel reservations, etc. Interested parties are cordially invited to join the association as a member:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, dues per year: U.S. $40
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP, dues per year: U.S. $60
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'A TALK' with Rev. Onell A. SOTO

After attended Conference on World Mission & Evangelism in Melbourne, Rev. Onell A. Soto, Mission Information and Education Officer and Editor of World Mission News of the Episcopal Church Enter, visited Taiwan June 8 to 14, 1980. The following are the conversation between Rev. Soto and Mr. John Cheng during the interview:

John: "Rev. Soto, Welcome to the Oasis of Taiwan. I gratefully remember that we have had a pleasant meeting in Denver last September and what we have discussed was printed on the Taiwan Episcopal Church Monthly. Now, may I ask you a few questions?"

Soto: "John, I am so happy to see you here. Last year you were my guest, and now, I am yours."

J.: "Is it your first time to see Taiwan, and what's your impression?"

S.: "Ah, yes. This is my first time. And I was so attracted by the magnificent Chiang Kai Shek International Airport in Taoyuen."

J.: "And what is your further impression after you have spent a few more days?"

S.: "I am nervous about the traffic, here is still under developing but it is more or less like New York. I worry especially when I see the whole family members are on a motorcycle."

J.: "What do you think of the life of people here in Taiwan?"

S.: "Oh, I believe that the people in Taiwan must be very happy. I notice that they are optimistic, industrious and polite and they can enjoy the T.V. shows at their leisure."

J.: "Do you like to compare Taipei with any other cities in the States, say, for New York?"

S.: "Ah! Taipei is prosperous enough, especially when you can wander safely in the Street even in midnight which is very seldom in New York. Such is the big contrast."

J.: "Do you like Chinese food?"

S.: "Oh! certainly, everybody does, the world wide famous Chinese food. And I heard that we can taste different styles in Taiwan."

J.: "I hope you can have a chance to try them all during your five-day stay."
Interrupted by Bishop Cheung "And you can also see their reasonable prices, and typical taste."

J.: "Did you see much here? And what's your point of view?"

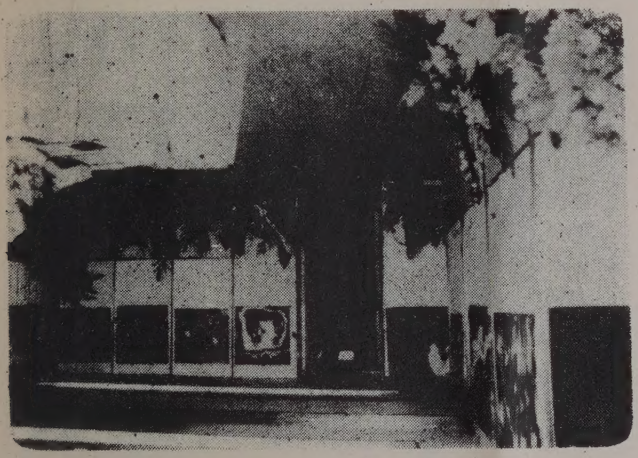
S.: "Well, because I don't have much time. I only went to the Martyr's Shrine, The Chinese Cultural University and St. John's & St. Mary's Institute of Technology. I like all their traditional buildings. I am also deeply impressed by the Martyr's Shrine, the symbol of loyalty to the country, the loyalty that some of the American are lack of."

J.: "Have you been to the National Free Way? Can it be compared with that of the States?"

S.: "Oh! sure, in every respect, it is even better only I hope that the drivers must be more careful in changing lanes so as to avoid the accidents happened. In the States, most of the drivers are law abiding, still about 50,000 are hurt annually. Good driving manner is a tribute to human right."

I asked him to tell something about our church, he said "Well, I think that you can really be proud of what you have done in this short period of twenty-five years. You have schools, kindergartens, clinics and hostels. You have wonderful relationship among your church members. And you pay highly respect to the Bishop and the pastors. All these show that the step is watching carefully and headed toward a bright path in the future."

At last, Rev. Soto introduced his family. He said that he and his wife Nina were both from Cuba. Now they are settled in New York. They got three daughters and one boy. Rev. Soto's parents live ith him, only in winter they will move to the west to Los Angeles to their daughter's place to avoid the cold. Unlike the other families in the States, Rev. Soto thinks that it is his responsibility to take care of his parents. He is sincere, humorous and warm. I heartily hope that I shall see him again soon.



Miss Ling Shiu-hsiang batik exhibition.